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DIVERGED DELTA-9 STEAROYL-ACP DESATURASE GENES

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Response

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003 regarding the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof.

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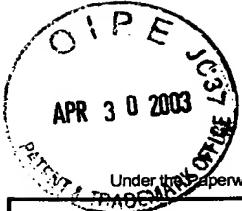
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